

### Benefits of a Local Water Quality District

- ◆ Assist landowners with questions and problems with water supply, water quality, wastewater disposal, stormwater drainage.
- ◆ Assist with well testing, disinfection, and treatment.
- ◆ Provide public education on water issues.
- ◆ Provide a central location for water resource information and data.
- ◆ Assist with the study of local water-related issues.
- ◆ Collect hazardous waste and prevent pollution.
- ◆ Evaluate the interaction between groundwater and surface water and land use changes.
- ◆ Provide the citizens a summary of program activities and the status of the water resources in the district.

### Services provided by other districts

- ◆ Sanitary surveys of Public Water Supplies.
- ◆ Residential Guide to the Valley Aquifer.
- ◆ Education on nutrient pollution, toxic waste, and lawn chemicals.
- ◆ Water sampling for nitrates, arsenic, lead, copper, coliform bacteria.
- ◆ Public education on water related topics.
- ◆ Clearinghouse for water information.
- ◆ Long-term monitoring of groundwater and surface water.
- ◆ Household hazardous waste collection events.
- ◆ Well watchers program, proactive and non-regulatory.

### How are the Districts Funded?

- Fees assessed on improved properties.
- Fees are generally low and depend on water use.
- Proposed fee approximately \$9 per household and \$9 to \$27 for commercial uses paid annually per parcel depending on water use.
- Water withdrawals for irrigation and livestock use will not be assessed fees.

### How Districts are Governed?

Board of Directors with at least five members for three year terms, terms are staggered.

- ▶ One County Commissioner
- ▶ One member from governing body of each participating incorporated city or town.
- ▶ One member from the Board of Health
- ▶ One Conservation District Supervisor
- ▶ Other members may include other representatives from throughout the county if no cities or towns participate
- ▶ Other members through mutual agreement of participating governing bodies

### Steps to Create a District

- √ Pass resolution of Intent at Public Hearing.
- √ Concurrence of cities and towns.
- √ Publish Notice of Intent and mail postcards to citizens.
- √ Protest period.
- √ Public hearing on protests, resolution or take to vote.